LAWS of MARYLAND.

1795.

CHAP. And whereas the said justices have since met and transacted the necessary business; therefore,

Transactions confirmed, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all transactions by them done subsequent to the time to which the said court stood adjourned, are hereby confirmed and made as valid in law as if the said justices had have met on the day to which the said court stood adjourned, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXXV.

Passed December 24. An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court.

Preamble.

HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the county court of Calvert county stood adjourned until the seventh day of the present month of December, and that no one of the justices of the said court attended to call and adjourn the same, whereby divers actions, suits and proceedings, both civil and criminal, were discontinued, and the said justices cannot legally hold the said court until the next meeting appointed by law; for aiding therefore the said actions, suits and proceedings, and for saving as far as may be the suitors from the damage that might otherwise be occasioned by such discontinuance,

Actions, &c. revived, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all actions, fuits, indictments, pleas, process and proceedings, depending in the said court on the said seventh day of December instant, and all actions since commenced, or hereafter to be commenced, shall be and are hereby revived and continued, and shall be in the same state and condition, to all intents and purposes, as if the said court had met and been continued by regular and lawful adjournments, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

III. Provided always, That nothing in this act shall extend to, or affect or make liable, the bail or security for any person's appearance at the said court to have been held on the seventh instant, in any action or indictment, unless in the case of a person under prosecution for any crime or misdemeanor a default was entered on the recognizance before the said discontinuance, or the sheriff was amerced before such discontinuance for default of the desendant's appearance in any civil suit, but any recognizance entered into by the principal shall stand as an obligation for him to appear at the next meeting of the court, in the same manner as if the condition thereof was for his appearance at the next court, and if he shall not appear on calling the recognizance at the said court, a default and judgment may be entered, and execution may be issued accordingly, or without calling the said recognizance it shall be in the discretion of the court to respite the same until the succeeding term.

Justices to

IV. And, whereas it is required by an act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law in certain cases, that all sheriffs bonds shall be taken between the eighth day of October and the first day of January in each year, Be it enacted. That the justices of the said court may and they are hereby required to meet on or before the first day of February next, and to take the sheriff's bond, and do and perform the several duties which were required to be done on the day to which the said court stood adjourned, and such proceedings shall be as good and valid, to all intents and purposes, as if the said court had met according to adjournment.

Court may call, &c.

V. And he it enacted, That the said court, at the meeting aforesaid, shall have full power to call and adjourn the same to any day or days they may think proper.